



State of New Mexico

Office of the Governor

Bill Richardson
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2004-022

FLAGS FLOWN AT HALF STAFF IN HONOR OF AARON AUSTIN

WHEREAS, Aaron Austin, a native New Mexican, tragically lost his life on April 26, 2004 while serving his country in Iraq as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom; and

WHEREAS, Aaron Austin joined the U.S. Marines in 2001, served as a Lance Corporal in the U.S. Marines, had been deployed to Iraq with the Second Battalion, First Marine Regiment, E Company weapons platoon and was stationed in Fallujah; and

WHEREAS, Aaron Austin was a 2001 graduate of Lovington High School and a resident of the City of Lovington; and

WHEREAS, Aaron Austin dedicated his life to serving his country and will be remembered for his bravery and patriotism.

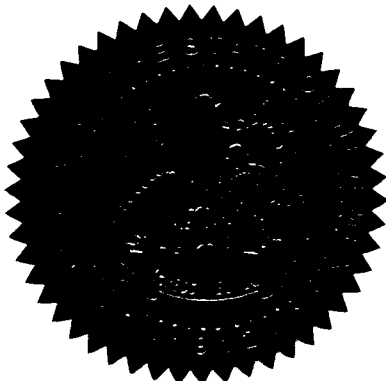
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in the Governor, do hereby order that all flags be flown at half-staff from Wednesday, April 28, 2004, through Thursday, April 29, 2004, in mourning and in honor of Aaron Austin. The thoughts and prayers of the people of New Mexico go out to the family of Aaron Austin as well as a heartfelt thank you for his military service.

ATTEST:

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 28th DAY OF APRIL, 2004

REBECCA VIGIL-GIRON
SECRETARY OF STATE

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT
SEAL OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO




BILL RICHARDSON
GOVERNOR OF NEW MEXICO